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In re application of:

Hiroshi NAKAZATO of Nagano-ken, Japan

Serial No: Not assigned

Filed: March 16, 2004

For: An Image Forming Apparatus and a Storage Controlling Method for  
Information on an Improper Detachment of a Developer Cartridge to be Written in a  
Cartridge Storage Means

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- ☒ 18 sheet(s) of drawings (☒ formal ☐ informal) is(are) enclosed.  
☒ 88 page(s) of specification and 1 page(s) of abstract of the invention are enclosed.  
☒ An assignment of the invention to SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION ☐ is enclosed ☒ will follow.  
☐ An associate power of attorney ☐ is enclosed ☐ will follow.  
☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.  
☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney ☐ is enclosed ☒ will follow.  
☒ Certified copies of Japanese Patent Application Nos. 2003-077251 filed March 20, 2003, 2003-077252 filed March 20, 2003, 2003-077253 filed March 20, 2003 and 2003-077254 filed March 20, 2003 from which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 are enclosed.  
☒ IDS enclosed (☒ with 5 reference(s)).  
☐ Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.  
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A TOTAL CLAIMS FEE	50	-20	30	LG=\$18 SM=\$9	\$18 540	
B INDEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE*	6	-3	3	LG=\$86 SM=\$43	\$86 258	
C SUBTOTAL - ADDITIONAL CLAIMS FEE (ADD FINAL COLUMN IN LINES A + B)						798
D MULTIPLE-DEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE				LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$290 SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$145		\$ 0
E BASIC FEE				LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$770 SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$385		\$ 770
F TOTAL FILING FEE (ADD TOTALS FOR LINES C, D, AND E)						\$ 1568
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